

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

BUCKET FILE COPY ORIGIN

Docket - 222

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

17 AUG 1993

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7330-7/170043

Honorable Larry E. Craig
United States Senate
313 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Craig:

RECEIVED

June 19 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

This is in reply to your letter of July 30, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Don L. Roberts, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993. In sum, the final rules will take the special needs of rural users into account.

We are sensitive to the needs of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules.

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect to issue final rules in 1994.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Jacobs

Edward R. Jacobs
Deputy Chief, Land Mobile and
Microwave Division

Environ Biol Fish

Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Williams

LARRY E. CRAIG
IDANO
UNITED STATES SENATE
(202) 224-2782

PHB
93-235

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION,
AND FORESTRY
ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1203

July 30, 1993

3174

Lou Sizemore
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

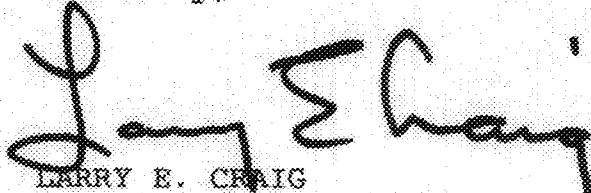
Dear Ms. Sizemore:

Enclosed is a letter have received from Don L. Roberts, City Attorney for Lewiston, Idaho. As you will note, Mr. Roberts is concerned about a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission to revise private land mobile radio services.

I hope that you will consider these concerns before going forward with any final decision.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



LARRY E. CRAIG
United States Senator

LEC/tmo

encl.



City of Lewiston

IDaho's Only Seaport

POST OFFICE BOX 617

LEWISTON, IDAHO 83501

(208) 746-3671

May 25, 1993

The Honorable Larry Craig
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: FCC PR Docket 92-235

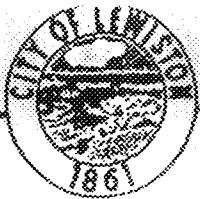
Dear Senator Craig,

The City of Lewiston has recently become aware of Federal Communications Commission Proposed Rule 92-235. The Police Chief and Fire Chief of the City of Lewiston have already written directly to the Federal Communications Commission expressing their opposition to the proposed rule. I thought it might be helpful for you to understand our opposition and I enclose copies of those letters. Your efforts on our behalf are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Don L. Roberts
City Attorney

c: City Council
Jan Vassar



City of Lewiston

IDaho's Only Seaport

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1224 'F' STREET
(208) 746-0171 • FAX (208) 746-6179

LEWISTON, IDAHO 83501

May 21, 1993

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

RE: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Secretary:

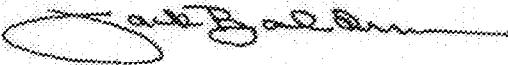
I want to voice my concern over and opposition to PR Docket 92-235. Our department provides emergency dispatching services to police, fire and medical units in a city with a population of 28,000. In addition, our fire department provides rescue services to a tri-state, six-county area serving some 64,000 residents, covering a wide variety of terrain conditions.

As a consequence of the rules you propose, jurisdictions such as ours would have a tremendous cost burden due to new communication equipment requirements. Because of the low density of our population and the rural nature of our state the costs would be extravagant.

I am equally concerned over the proposed reduction of base station power. We could not continue to provide the level of services offered now without compromising safety or having to purchase additional transmitter equipment.

As I understand the plight of larger urban areas in finding more frequencies to operate on, I think rural states have unique topography situations. As such, your proposed rules will be detrimental to us. I certainly hope your Commission will reconsider the consequences of such a mandate.

Sincerely,


Jack Baldwin
Chief of Police



City of Lewiston

IDaho's ONLY SEAPORT

POST OFFICE BOX 617

LEWISTON, IDAHO 83501

(208) 746-3671

19 February 1993

Federal Communications Commission
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17326

RE: FCC DOCKET 92-235

The purpose of this letter is to voice opposition to new public safety radio use rules proposed in FCC Docket 92-235. The Lewiston Fire Department in north central Idaho is a paid full-service public safety organization providing fire suppression, fireboat operation, aircraft rescue firefighting and hazardous materials response to our City of 28,000. We also provide rescue and extrication and emergency and nonemergency ambulance service to a tri-state, six-county area covering 1400 square miles with a population of 64,000. The topography of our response area is varied and rugged. Elevations run from 750 feet above sea level in river canyons to 7800 feet above sea level in mountainous terrain. Three remote repeater sites make it possible for us to provide radio coverage over most, but not all, of our current response area.

The Lewiston Fire Department has fire suppression mutual aid agreements with four other cities, one private corporation and one fire district. The proposal to reduce the occupied bandwidths of existing VHF and UHF users and reduce base station power output will have a negative impact on our ability to provide quality service to our citizens and the populations we serve as emergency medical service providers and mutual aid co-operators. The financial impact will be especially onerous and beyond the ability of jurisdictions our size to bear.

We respectfully ask that you reconsider, and approach the large metropolitan areas who will profit at our expense about other possible solutions. With their much greater financial resources, surely other options exist than to further burden those who are forced by circumstances to do the most with the least.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Tomberg

Fire Chief

c: Jack Baldwin, Police Chief
Jan Vassar, City Manager

